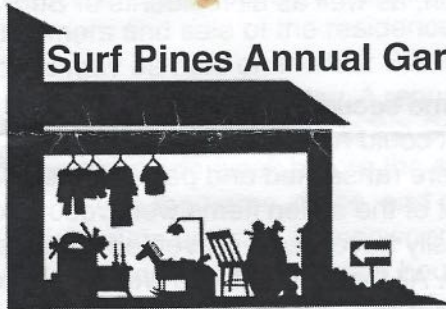


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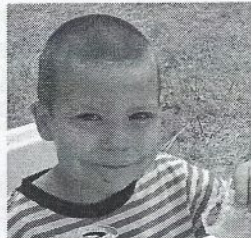


Surf Pines Annual Garage Sale Saturday July 3

It's not too late! You too can create room in your garage for your car or even both of them. Call Katie Weber now: 503-738-5986



4th of July Picnic In the Park Sunday 1-4



Surf Pines Annual Meeting August 14 at 9 a.m.

Two new board members to be elected

The next Annual Meeting of the Surf Pines Association is scheduled for Saturday, August 14, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. During the meeting, members will elect two directors, consider and adopt a budget for fiscal year 2010-2011, and consider any other business brought forward by the membership.

Two Director positions are being vacated this year. The three-year terms of President, Michael Wilkin, and Secretary, Dave Lukens will conclude in August. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer Board member, please contact any current SPA Board member or SPA administrator. Nominations will be taken from association members during the Annual meeting, as well.

**Real Estate****Homes**

- 89672 Sea Breeze Dr O'Connell listed 8/20/09 for 389,000 now 369,000
- 90031 Manion Dr Wohlgenuth listed 2/1/10 for 415,000 now 399,500
- 33095 Malarkey Ln Rothenberger listed 12/7/09 for 625,000 now 599,000
- 89547 Ocean Dr Casaleggio listed 2/20/09 for 749,000 now 639,000
- 89604 Ocean Dr Filter listed 6/11/10 for 639,000
- 89048 Ocean Dr Cusick listed 3/10/10 for 825,000 now 750,000
- 89178 Manion Dr So Paw Inc listed 3/4/10 for 890,000
- 33099 Malarkey Ln King listed 8/25/09 for 950,000
- 89846 Ocean Dr US Bankruptcy Court listed 5/24/10 for 950,000
- 33102 Malarkey Ln Whalen listed 2/1/10 for 1,350,000
- 89500 Ocean Dr Meunier listed 7/26/09 for 1,350,000
- 33112 Malarkey Ln Damon listed 9/8/08 for 1,850,000 now 1,650,000
- 89997 Surf Pines Landing Dr McWhirter listed 6/18/10 for 458,000

Lots

- adj89187 Manion Dr-3 So Paw Inc listed 2/1/10 for 135,000 now 120,000
- adj89187 Manion Dr-1 So Paw Inc listed 2/1/10 for 145,000 now 130,000
- 33268 Primrose Ln Golubickas listed 6/15/10 for 159,900
- Ocean Dr Mauss listed 3/25/10 for 270,000 now 170,000
- #10 Horizon Estate Lum listed 3/9/10 for 175,000
- Lot 6 Surfpines Estates Ocean Dr Lum listed 3/5/10 for 175,000
- Ocean Dr south of 90057 Manion listed 10/16/08 for 595,000 now 295,000
- T/L 3200 Ocean Dr Jesse listed 3/25/09 for 295,000
- adj89434 Ocean Dr Donohue listed 4/1/10 for 349,000
- Surf Pines Landing Leinassar listed 2/2/10 for 385,000

Security Corner**by John and Carol Gates**

Summer time brings lots of people to Surf Pines, not only residents, but also friends, relatives, renters, as well as contractors and other workers. So, I would just like to remind you to keep your gate codes secure. If you have people coming please use the guest code or call me for a temporary code. This is for your protection, as well as all residents of Surf Pines.

We have had some security problems this last quarter that I feel could have been prevented. Several autos were ransacked and personal items were taken. Most of the stolen items were recovered, but this could easily have been prevented if the cars had been locked. All the cars entered were unlocked. There was also a report of someone putting shaving cream into a fish pond and signs moved from one property to another. While these may sound like pranks, they could have been very costly.

We have also had reports of people dumping yard debris on their neighbors' property or vacant lots. Please do the right thing and take care to respect your neighbors.

I have received numerous reports of people cutting through or walking on property that does not belong to them. We have many designated beach trails, please use them. It is not OK to cut through someone else's property to get to the beach. I'm sure you would not want strangers walking through your property. If you have visitors please inform them of this also.

Our last issue is dogs. They have to be on a leash or under your control at all times. Dogs are not allowed to run loose in Surf Pines. This causes a hazard to walkers, drivers and the dogs.

Lets all have a great and safe summer and remember to keep your speed at 25 MPH while driving in Surf Pines.



Policy on Gate Access for Open Houses, Garage Sales, and Moving Sales

In order to maintain an appropriate level of resident security while accommodating the individual needs of its residents, the Surf Pines Association is guided by this policy for the following events:

Real Estate Open House

A licensed real estate agent or homeowner may conduct an open house for the purpose of attracting customers and sale of the residence shown. An open house may be held on the last Saturday of the month and/or the following Sunday. A request to conduct an open house must be made to the Security Manager not less than one week before the event. The request must include the name, office, and contact number of the real estate agent or homeowner conducting the event, the address for the open house, and the date(s) and times of the open house. No open house may begin before 9:00 a.m. or close later than 4:00 p.m. The Security Manager will be responsible for opening the North and South gates during the times of the open house.

Garage Sales

The Surf Pines Association sponsors an Annual Garage Sale in conjunction with its Fourth of July Celebration. Residents are encouraged to use this opportunity for a garage sale. Garage sales may also be conducted on the last Saturday of any month and/or the following Sunday. A request to conduct a garage sale must be made to the Security Manager not less than one week before the event. The request must include the name, address, and contact number of the resident responsible for the garage sale and the date(s) and times of the garage sale. No garage sale may begin before 9:00 a.m. or close later than 4:00 p.m. The Security Manager will be responsible for opening the North and South gates during the times of the garage sale.

Estate Sales and Moving Sales

Sales that support liquidation of an estate (estate sale) or that accommodate the sale of a residence and subsequent move (moving sale) may require different timing than a garage sale. In the instance

of an estate sale or a moving sale, a request must be made to the Security Manager not less than one week in advance of the sale. The request must include the name, address, and contact number for the individual in charge of the sale and the date(s) and times of the sale. No estate sale or moving sale may begin before 9:00 a.m. or close later than 4:00 p.m. The Security Manager will issue the requestor a unique, time-limited code for gate access during the date(s) and times of the estate or moving sale. This access code must be used in any advertising prepared for the event.

Signs

Printed directional signs on removable stakes or sandwich boards may be used during an open house, garage sale, estate sale, or moving sale. No sign may be affixed to the gates, barriers, street signs, traffic control signs, utility poles or other Surf Pines Association property. Any sign placed in support of an open house or sale must be removed at the end of the day of the event.

Ocean Drive Paving

Depending on weather paving will begin soon on Ocean Dr. north of Horizon Ln for 1200 feet (half way to Malarkey Ln). Expect disruptions and delays for up to three weeks.

Sunset Lake

Please be sure all guests are aware of the rules for boating on Sunset Lake including the speed limit of 10 MPH set by the State of Oregon. The Clatsop County Sheriff non emergency number is: 503-325-2061, for safety's sake please report violators.

Tables and Chairs Available for Rent

10 round tables seating 8-10 for \$5 each/day

100 chairs for \$1 each/day

For information and reservations call:

Katie Weber 503-738-5986

Bonnie Rogie 503-717-1003

John Gates 503-738-0637

Flora & Fauna: Gardening Tips From Veteran Surf Pines Gardeners

Rose Peterson: Rose suggests using the leland cypress (*Cupressocyparis leylandii*) versus the use of the commercially-popular arborvitae. The arborvitae are touted as 'deer proof', but many have learned the hard way after planting, that the deer actually love the tender vegetation and will strip them. According to the *Sunset Western Garden Book*, the leland cypress evergreen likes full sun and moderate to regular water, at least to establish the plant. After establishing, the plant appears to tolerate the summer drought and withstands strong winds. It grows very fast and can be as high as 15–20 feet in five years. Used as a screen and pruned or permitted to grow, it usually reaches 60–70 feet tall, 8–15 feet wide without regular maintenance. 'Naylor's Blue' has blue, grayish foliage; the 'Castlewella' variety has golden new growth and a great eye-appeal.

Nancy Wilcox: Nancy suggests skimmia as an excellent evergreen shrub. *Skimmia japonica* grows well in partial shade and according to the *Sunset Western Garden Book*, needs regular water. It grows slow, with dense and glossy green leaves; it can reach five feet tall and six feet wide. It blooms in the spring, with pink buds that evolve into scented white flowers. Male plants are more fragrant. The female plants will yield red berries if a male plant is nearby.

Debra Hall: Lupine remains a favorite flowering plant. This durable perennial is a native wildflower from as far as the Colorado Rockies, to the Alaskan Range and the NW coast. The domesticated flowers, *lupinus*, are hybrids and many of the New Generation hybrids will bloom from early spring to early fall if deadheaded. They can mature to a size spanning 3 feet in diameter and 3–4 feet tall. They bear tall dense spikes of pea-shaped flowers; the flower shades are often muted or bi-colored. This time of year, lupines may be started from seeds in 10–12 inch pots and transplanted into a prepared bed in the fall. The plant, should be transplanted with the intact rhizomes; this will help the plant bear the transplant and prepare for winter. Most of the foliage will remain intact all winter and in spring the flowers will be a grand reward for minimal effort.

Fire Season



As the *Breeze* went to press, no date had been set for fire season to begin but was expected no later than July 4, 2010. During fire season, which usually extends from July through October, but varies from year to year depending on the weather, burning is restricted because of the risk of wildfire. Open burning and burning in a pile are banned during fire season. Burning in a barrel is allowed only with a permit. For more information, call the local office of the Department of Forestry at 503–325–5451.

Gates

We are happy to report that an advanced maintenance program on our gates has been very successful. Three of the four gates have been rewired and new controllers installed. The fourth will be completed soon. The north gate entry panel has been completely rebuilt. We are also doing service work on all gates every Monday. Thanks to John Gates, Don Kruger, Jeff Hall, Tom Hatch, and Gene Keever for their ongoing assistance to reach our operating goal of 100%.

Use Fireworks Elsewhere, Not in Surf Pines

The association's policy regarding fireworks is stated in the *Owners' Guide*: "To reduce the risk to residents and property presented by fireworks, the use of fireworks of any kind, including firecrackers, is prohibited in Surf Pines, except on the public beach, where state laws are strictly enforced by the Clatsop County Sheriff and the Oregon State Police." If either a resident or a guest seems unaware of the policy, then inform that person of it.

A Special Thanks to Breeze Contributors

Contributors not otherwise mentioned: Bonnie Rogie, Debra Hall, Jim Cooper, Karen Radditz, Lee Cassaleggio, Norma Keever, Patrick Kelly, Roger Masse.



President's Comments

by Michael Wilkin, SPA President

The next big event in the life of Surf Pines is our annual members meeting at 9am on Saturday August 14th. Two Directors are stepping down, Dave Lukens the Association Secretary and myself. So we will have two new Directors joining the Board. It's not too late to have your name on the docket. Contact any Board or committee member or the Association's administrator if you are interested.

It may seem tiresome but the second important item on the agenda is the budget. Without being able to define how we spend the money we raise the Association would not be able to operate. Member input here has a big impact on what the Association does throughout the year; from paving the roads to community parties, the content of the budget is fundamental to the running of the Association.

Come along to the annual meeting and have your say, or at least hear what we have to say about why we did things the way we did!

The season roles round and hopefully we can look forward to many long warm days of summer. More people live in Surf Pines during the summer, relaxing at the Coast. An increase in people will mean an increase in traffic and probably an increase in the number of youngsters playing in or near the roads. We have no sidewalks and quite a few blind corners and dips, please take care driving and watch carefully any younger family members running about.

Each season forces us to be wary of different things. There aren't really any dangerous animals in Surf Pines, although the occasional coyote is spotted. The danger for the summer is one of wildfire. Bonfires, fireworks and perhaps the occasional barbecue that goes wrong are some of the worst culprits for starting them. The state fire marshal mandates no open burning usually from somewhere around the beginning of July until the fall. Fireworks are prohibited in Surf Pines and as for barbecues, we will just have to take care.

This is my last column as President and I'm standing down as a Board member after nine years. It's been a privilege to be on the Board and I wish the remaining and the new Board members the best of luck in the coming year.

Resident Comments

by Kay and Art Limbird

Just wanted you to know that we appreciate the time and effort you dedicate to putting together the Surf Pines Breeze each quarter. We find the publication full of relevant information and photos of interest to the residents. The homes for sale along with values keep us in tune with the local market and also help us to notify friends who might be interested in purchasing within the community. Many Thanks

by Tom and Nancy Wilcox

Nancy and I thought this months copy of the *Breeze* April 10 was the most interesting one we have had. The real estate info was good and we enjoyed the article that John Gates did. It just seemed more informative this time. Thanks for what you do.

North Gate Hit and Run

On March 30, 2010 a group of teenagers in a black VW Jetta entered Surf Pines illegally via the north gate and after turning around in the Kruger's driveway on the north end of Manion Drive, began to drive out of the community. Piecing together multiple witness accounts and gleaning from the Sheriff's Incident Report, it appears the driver panicked as he started to exit. As the gate lowered following another vehicle's exit, the teen hurriedly drove toward the middle of the two gates, as if to drive between them. He struck the center bollard, forcing it into the structure that supports the gate. This destroyed the median bollard, gate support, electric eye and electrical wiring.



Witness Gail Johnson observed the accident and watched as several young people got out of the car and looked at the damage. Johnson reported to Surf Pines Security Officer John Gates that the occupants of the vehicle quickly got back into the Jetta and left the scene going northbound on Lewis Ave. After leaving the scene, the driver and accompanying teens bestowed gifts for investigators, including the vehicle's bumper with license plate attached, and the driver's baseball cap with the word "GUESS" written across the front. It will be no guess to readers that alcohol was involved.

Many thanks to Surf Pines resident and Clatsop County Sheriff Officer, Mark Whisler for his quick actions that resulted in the apprehension of the hit and run suspect and subsequent reimbursement for all damages



to the north gate. Thank you to Surf Pines resident Bob McWhirter who helped the investigating officer with a tip on the vehicle's location and APD Chief Curzon, who's quick action led officers to the suspect vehicle's eventual apprehension.

Thank you, as well to Surf Pines Security Officer John Gates, Surf Pines Administrator Dan Bartlett, and Don Kruger, Surf Pines volunteer resident for orchestrating and assisting with gate repairs. Due to their quick action and coordinated efforts, the gate was repaired and operational within two days of incurred damage. The new bollard is heavy steel, filled with concrete and embedded in concrete deep beneath the pavement, which offers substantially more protection.

Volunteer Park Crew



Many thanks to our volunteer park maintenance crew. Surf Pines Security Officer John Gates, his wife Carol, and her sister, Surf Pines resident Valerie Winstanley have devoted many volunteer hours to keeping the community park mowed, trimmed, clean and safe.

Volunteers have also recently replaced the fence at the the north end of the park, planted the area around the park sign and installed a simple irrigation system to keep the sign area green through the expected drought of late summer.

Community, Community, Community....



by Katie Weber

Fall Harvest

Slip into the Fall season with a great get-together at Michael and Sharon Malarkey's home down on the lake. They have a fantastic home with a panoramic view of the lake and farmlands. They are located at 33282 Pelican Lane. Mark your calendar and plan to attend on Saturday, September 11th. The party begins at 6 PM and lasts until 9 PM. We ask that you bring an hors d'oeuvre and a bottle of wine to share. Weather permitting this will be a wonderful indoor/outdoor party. A September reminder will be posted on message boards adjacent to both gates.

Holiday Party

Our Holiday Party will be hosted by Cal and Maryann Gantenbein. Mark your calendar for December 4th, the first Saturday and the time will be 6 PM till 9 PM. Cal and Maryann live at 89981 Manion Drive, close to the north end. Our Holiday parties are always a wonderful way to end the year with our friends and neighbors in Surf Pines. As always, this is a dinner occasion. Surf Pines will supply the main dishes, as in turkey, ham and salmon. We ask that you bring a side dish, salad, dessert or hors d'oeuvre to share. Please bring your own adult beverages. We're looking forward to seeing you there. Contact a Community Relations member for more information.



Drive Carefully

Summer means more people in Surf Pines



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